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Former GM Executive's Possible Contacts with CIA Looked into
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Police are investigating possible contacts with the CIA by a slain former General Motors executive who had extensive foreign business contacts, a district attorney said.

George Perry, 64, had been missing three months when his body was found April 8 by fishermen on the shore of Lake Tiorati in Harriman State Park. A coroner identified the body April 14.

Perry, who was last heard from Jan. 7, had three bullet wounds in his head and weights attached to his legs.

On Tuesday the FBI joined state police in the investigation.

"There was no sign of a struggle," said Orange County District Attorney Joseph Brown in an interview Monday. Brown said Perry was killed "by someone he knew or was taken completely by surprise."

The investigation is focusing "in New York City because that was where he was last known alive," Brown said. Perry checked into a hotel in the city on Jan. 4 and he was checked out by his company on Jan. 10.

No one saw him sign out, but police said the practice of a business taking care of a hotel discharge was a common one.

As with many overseas businessmen, Perry could have been "routinely debriefed" by the Central Intelligence Agency, Brown said.

Dale Peterson, CIA spokesman in Washington, said people "volunteer" to talk to the agency. "We may approach someone, but they have to want to talk to us." He refused to comment on the Perry case.